THE MINISTER OF STAT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) While SAIL do not intend to reduce the manpower drastically, they are making efforts to gradually optimise the utilisation of manpower, by attempting to regulate recruitment, improving work practices, undertaking retraining and redeployment, and increasing productivity.

(c) No, Sir.

Shortfall in Production of Foodgrain

2974: SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of various food crops in the country Statewise, during 1987-88;

(b) the details of the crops produced below the targets;

(c) the extent to which there was shortfall in achieving the target of foodgrains production; and

(d) the steps being taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The estimated production of various food crops in the country, Statewise, during 1987-88 is given in Statement (*See below*):

(b) and (c) Production of all foodgrain crops was below the targets during 1987-88. The overall foodgrains production during the year is provisionally estimated at 137.0 million tonnes, as against the target of 160.0 million tonnes originally fixed.

(d) In order to meet the demand, larger releases of foodgrains were made through public distribution system. In addition, Government have contracted for import of wheat and rice in order to replenish the buffer stocks.

Statement

Production of foodgrains –1987-88 (*Provisional*)

(*In lakhs tonnes*)

State	Rice	Wheat	Coarse Cereals	Pulses	Total Foodgrains
Andhra Pradesh	70.7	0.1	19.7	6.4	96.9
Assam	27.1	1.5	0 2	0.5	29.3
Bihar	46.1	27.5	11.1	9.0	93.7
Gujarat	2.1	3 4	4.9	1.2	11.6
Haryana	10.7	48.6	2.6	1.0	62.9
Himachal Pradesh	0.8	4 0	4.4	0.1	9.3
Jammu & Kashmir	4.0	1.8	3.2	0.3	9.3
Karnataka	17.3	1.9	33.1	6.7	59.0
Kerala	10.6	..	..	0.2	10.8

State	Rice	Wheat	Coarse Cereals	Pulses	Total Food-grains
Madhya Pradesh	41.0	43.3	32.3	24 9	141.4
Maharashtra	17.1	5.5	72.7	14.1	109 4
Orissa	35.6	0.8	4 5	10.7	51.6
Punjab	54.3	110.1	4 7	1.0	170.1
Rajasthan	0.8	23.8	14.1	4.6	43.3
Tamil Nadu	56.1	..	16.1	3.6	75.8
Uttar Pradesh	62.2	165.4	30.4	22.2	280.2
West Bengal	8.88	6.5	1.4	2.3	99.0
Others	12.4	2.0	1.8	0.4	16.6
ALL INDIA:	557.7	446 2	257.1	109.2	1370.2

Appointment of Managing Director of NCCF

2976. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the provisions of the multi State Co-operative Act 1984 and the rules framed thereunder, the Chief Executive of the National Consumer Cooperative Federation is selected and appointed by the Board of the Concerned Cooperative Federation from a pannel of 3 eligible candidates and recommended by an Authority under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Agriculture; and

(b) if so, whether required procedure was followed while appointing the present MD of NCCF; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As per the provisions of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and the rules framed thereunder, the Chief Executive of the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. is appointed by the Board of the Federation from the persons recommended by the National Cooperative Societies Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. In case the Board is superseded, the appointment is made by the Administrator, appointed by the Government.

(b) Prescribed procedure was followed for the appointment of the present Managing Director, NCCF.

Increase in the Storage and Processing facilities

2977. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the major objections to reduce and eliminate wastage of food by increasing storage facilities and processing;

(b) the steps taken to arrange cold storage by Governmental agencies for Marine fish brought to Paradeep Port in Orissa;

(c) whether it is a fact that huge quantities of fish are wasted due to lack of cold storages for fish; and

(d) the steps being taken in the matter?